(c) India does not have any standing pact with China for constant monitoring of water levels of rivers in Tibet particularly due to glacial bursts.

Power transmission project in Afghanistan by PGC

3092 SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Power Grid Corporation proposes to set up a power transmission projects In Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the total outlay involved therein; and

(c) how far would this help to light up the Capital City Kabul and other areas of Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) (a) and (b) Ministry of External Affairs has signed an agreement with Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. on 12.08.2005 for construction of a 220 KV Double Circuit Transmission Line (202 Kms.) from Pul-e-Khumri and a Sub-station at Kabul. The project is scheduled to be completed in 42 months at an estimated cost of the Rs. 478.72 crore.

(c) This would be a major infrastructure project in Afghanistan and would facilitate the commission of 250 MW of power to Kabul.

Private investment in Power Sector

3093. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is considering to encourage private investment in power sector by announcing further relaxation to the mega and tiny power projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government of Maharashtra had made some suggestions for power projects in Maharashtra; and

(c) if so, Government's response and reaction thereto?